

WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA

JUNE 5, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in workshop session with the following members present: Chairman Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Jerry W. Barnes, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Billy E. Traylor and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: Clerk Becky Norris, Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Deputy Clerk Tracy Whitehurst, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Planner David Richardson and Assistant Planner Sarah White.

Chairman Williams called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., E.T.

W.H.S. GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM / SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chairman Williams discussed that the Wewahitchka High School Girls' Softball Team won the State Championship this year. Commissioner Traylor discussed Coach Charles "Scootsie" Fortner, stating that this was his last year of coaching/teaching (he has retired). Commissioners McLemore and Traylor presented Coach Fortner with a plaque commemorating his years of service as a coach at Wewahitchka High School, and presented a plaque to the team for winning the State Championship. Coach Fortner introduced the team and presented t-shirts to the Board, thanking them for their financial assistance over the years. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to donate \$5,000.00 to the W.H.S. Girls' Softball Team.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Commissioner Traylor discussed rotation of committee members, stating that the P.D.R.B. members are to serve staggered two 2-year terms. He discussed that there is no member evaluation performed (meeting attendance, etc.), and that Chief Administrator Butler and Planner Richardson should perform evaluations. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that evaluation criteria should be developed first and presented to the Board for approval. Chairman Williams discussed that the committee members are volunteers, and that the evaluations should be on an annual basis. After discussion regarding the current members of the P.D.R.B., Commissioner McLemore motioned to replace Patrick Jones as his term is about to expire. After discussion regarding taking applications to fill the vacancy, the timeframe, etc., Commissioner McLemore amended his motion to include appointing Doug Birmingham to fill this position. Commissioner Traylor included this amendment to his second, and the amended motion and motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Peters discussed that he has checked the T.D.C. members, and there are

vacancies that will be filled and applications will be taken to replace members who have fulfilled their terms.

SCHOOL BOARD

Chairman Williams discussed a letter from the School Board requesting County assistance in removal of a building. After discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to assist the School Board with demolition of this building. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION / ADDITIONAL SENIOR EXEMPTION

Chairman Williams discussed recent legislation passed that allows Counties to give an additional \$25,000.00 homestead exemption to qualified senior citizens. After discussion regarding the timeframe (must be submitted to the Property Appraiser by June 15th), the Board agreed for Chief Administrator Butler to meet with the Property Appraiser to determine the total dollar amount the Board would be affected if the additional exemption is granted and report to the Board at their regular meeting on June 11th.

SPECIAL PROJECTS PAYMENTS

Upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to donate \$500.00 (\$100.00 from each district) to the Port St. Joe Girls' Dixie Youth Softball League.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:38 p.m., E.T.

**BILL WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**